

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

5 Please replace paragraph [0049] begin on page 3 of U.S. Patent Application
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10 [0049] Longitudinal portion 46 and transverse portion 50 are configured to
receivably engage heat sensing probe 34 for support therein such that heat sensing
probe 34 is spaced apart from film 36. Thickness d_c provides the depth necessary
15 to create an air/fluid gap or cavity between heat sensing probe 34 and film 36. This
configuration prevents undesired engagement of film 36 with heat sensing probe
34. Advantageously, this design improves accuracy of temperature measurements
and avoids distorted readings due to thermal noise, etc. It is contemplated that
probe cover 20 may employ one or a plurality of end ribs 38. A proximal face 50a
15 of the transverse portion 50 abuts the distal end 30 of the thermometer 32 when
engaged with the probe cover 20 to keep the distal end 30 of the thermometer 32
spaced from the film 36.